

Important Dates

15 August

**NZEI STRIKE – NO
SCHOOL - CLOSED FOR
INSTRUCTION**

16 August

OPEN EVENING – 6pm

17 August

School Speeches from
9:45am
School Cross Country
from 1:40pm

21 August

Open Morning

22 August

Core Conferences 3:30pm
– 8pm

23 August

Mathex Evening Challenge

24 August

Daffodil Day
Bandquest

28 August

Core Conferences 3:30pm
– 8pm

29 August

Modular Conferences
3:30pm – 8pm
Central Zone Cross
Country

30 August

Central Zone Speech
Competition

4 September

BOT Meeting 6pm

Principal's Message

Developing student leadership positions has been a priority goal for this year. In this week's newsletter we showcase feedback from the various leadership groups in the school.

Student leadership encourages children to actively engage with school life in authentic settings. Students will apply (or in some cases be chosen) for positions that they are passionate about. Often these roles involve organisational skills, communication skills and teamwork. It is the aspect of "teaching others" that I really enjoy.

By "teaching others" *for example – Eco Warriors messages about the SPCA Cupcake Day* - students bring a powerful element of their own voice into the curriculum. By developing multiple leadership positions we put student agency as another driver for school improvement and have the children at the decision making table.

To support these various groups we have created the 'Leaders' Loft'. It is a space deliberately set up for student leadership meetings. The Maori proverb on the wall *Me Whakaro Rangatira* means - *Think Like a Leader*.

While it may not be possible for every student to achieve a leadership position, you can be assured that the teachers do monitor and track each individual student over their two year Ponsonby Experience. Our leadership positions are also regularly added to throughout the year – in fact we will be awarding more on Friday!



Enrolments for 2019

At the moment we are busy processing all the enrolments for next year. Ponsonby Intermediate School has always accepted many students from out of zone and this will continue. I should also make it clear that my goal is for class sizes and the school roll to remain the same heading into 2018 and beyond.

To help provide certainty, **it is important all enrolments for 2019, whether you are 'in zone' or 'out of zone' are received by the end of this term – Friday 28 September.**

You will be notified of your acceptance by email and formal letter in mid-October. Information on term dates, stationery and uniform will be included.

Please let your friends and neighbours know these deadlines – the transition process from primary school into intermediate is important. We will visit all our major contributing primary schools for Year 6 transitioning in November - Ponsonby Primary, Freemans Bay Primary, Richmond Rd Primary, Bayfield Primary, Gladstone Primary, Westmere Primary, Pt Chevalier Primary, and Grey Lynn Primary.

The Year 6 students from other schools need to attend the Out of Zone Transition Morning here at Ponsonby Int. School – Thursday 22 November – 9:00am – 10:15am

Science Fair 2018

Our annual Science Fair is drawing to a close. All the participants have finished their projects and the judging has been completed. We are very proud of all our participants, 9 Excellences, 3 High Merits (these will be entered into the Auckland NIWA Science Fair on Friday the 31 August), 9 Merits and 9 Achievements.

The Excellences and High Merits are listed below:

Name	Title	Strand
Excellences		
Leila Belt	Putting Time To The Test	Behavioural Science
Zephyr Bird	Food For Thought. How Nutrition Affects Mental Health	Behavioural Science
Max Blackmore	Are You A Super -Taster	Living World

Tom Buckley	Flat Or Spin. Which Will Win?	Physical World
Genevieve Cartmell	H2O EQ88A	Technology
Amelie Fairclough	Do Our Tides Have The Power?	Physical World
Theo Gorman	Marmite. Might Not!	Behavioural Science
Maia Hunter and Harriet Gowing	Bees Wax Wraps And Why We Should Use Them	Material World
Lachlan Dalzell and Max Tunncliffe	Getting To The Root of The Problem	Planet Earth
High Merits		
Anatol Coen	The Poker Problem	Physical World
Ruby Eaton	Physically Focusing	Behavioural Science
Zach Hasler	Seeing Isn't Always Believing	Behavioural Science

**Please come along and view the Science Fair Exhibition on Thursday 16th August.
This year the Exhibition is being held in Room 15. So come along at 4:00pm or wait until
Open Evening at 6:00pm.**

Thank you

Margaret Marsick and Jess Phillips

Speech Finals Friday 17 August

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, all of our students have written and presented a three minute speech to their class. 27 students then competed in the semi-finalists. 12 have made it through to the finals which are being held tomorrow at 9.15am in the hall. Three intrepid students have also volunteered to enter the one minute impromptu speech competition. All parents are welcome to attend.

Thank you, Mrs Dunn

Puberty Lessons

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

During term 3 and 4 all Health lessons will be focusing on "Body Systems and Puberty - Discovering Me". The learning outcomes for this unit will enable students to work towards achievement of *Health and Physical Education* guidelines mentioned in the *New Zealand Curriculum 2007*.

This unit reinforces what the Year 8 students learnt last year and will introduce key concepts to Year 7 students.

Students will learn about:

- The Body Systems
- The physical, mental and emotional, social, and spiritual growth and development that occur and the new needs that arise during puberty
- Strategies to manage the changes they will experience

If you wish for your child to be withdrawn from the class while a specific activity is being taught, please make this known in writing to the Principal before Monday 20 August.

Kind regards

Ms Murray and Mr Mertens
Health & P.E. Teachers

Student-Led Conferences

Student-led conferences are run every term at Ponsonby Intermediate.

Core subjects (English and Mathematics) hold conferences twice a year in Term 1 and Term 3.

Modular conferences happen every term (as students are involved in two different modular subjects each term).

On Line Conference Booking

Bookings can be made at <http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz> using the school code.

Please include your child's room number.

Core Conferences:

Wednesday 22nd August – 3:30 – 8:00pm (CORE1 Code: **qqs8v**)

Tuesday 28th August – 3:30 – 8:00pm (CORE2 Code: **45haa**)

Modular Conferences

Wednesday 29th August 3:30pm - 8:00pm (MODULE code: **5jz2d**)

Below are the list of teachers and the classes they teach to make booking easier.

Thanks,

Cobey Sweetman

cobeys@ponsint.school.nz

Core Teachers:

English:

Stephanie Elliott: Teaching Rooms 11, 15

Paul Rishworth: Teaching Rooms 3, 8, 13

Sarah Howie: Teaching Rooms 1, 9, 25

Penelope Dunn: Teaching Rooms 6, 18, 23

Georgina Thomas: Teaching Rooms 21, 26, 30

Sarah Valintine: Teaching Rooms 12, 16, 28

Angela Lane: Teaching Rooms 17, 20, 22

Maths:

Cherie Bolesworth: Teaching Rooms 11, 17, 22, 26

Gavin Chester: Teaching Rooms 1, 12, 21, 25

Kim Edwards: Teaching Rooms 8, 13, 15, 30

Katherine Busch: Teaching Rooms 9, 16, 20, 28

Alison Tripp: Teaching Rooms 3, 6, 18, 23

Module Teachers:

Design and Textiles: Cobey Sweetman

Teaching Rooms 8, 9, 12, 15, 21

Art: Kelly Richardson

Teaching Rooms 8, 9, 12, 15, 21

Performing Arts: Christine Cullen

Teaching Rooms: 3, 20, 22, 28, 30

Music: Paul Curtis

Teaching Rooms: 3, 20, 22, 28, 30

Health & P.E: Brad Mertens

Teaching Rooms: 3, 6, 11, 15, 16, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 28

Health & P.E: Michelle Murray

Teaching Rooms: 1, 8, 9, 12, 13, 15, 17, 20, 21, 22, 25, 30

Home Economics: Jody Hart

Teaching Rooms: 6, 13, 16, 23, 26

Science: Margaret Marsick

Teaching Rooms: 6, 13, 16, 23, 26

Science: Jess Phillips

Teaching Rooms: 1, 11, 17, 18, 25

Exploring Technology: Andy Wilson

Teaching Rooms: 1, 11, 17, 18, 25

Social Sciences: Jo McCullagh

Teaching Rooms: 6, 9, 12, 16, 18, 21, 22, 25, 26, 28

Learning Languages: Tricia Orr

Teaching Rooms: 1, 3, 8, 11, 13, 15, 17, 20, 23, 30

Student Leadership Updates

Councillors

Kia ora parents and caregivers, we are the councillors and, boy, have we been busy. As councillors, we are the student voice. We help organize events and make things happen around the school. Heaps of exciting things have been happening this year. We have raised money over this year from events such as the socials; we then ask the students what they want to see more of. The most common answers were bean bags and skate equipment, so we purchased them and they have been used with joy every day since we got them. We had ShowTime last term where we showcased all of the talent we have throughout our school. Then we brought most of the acts around to all the primary schools for our Roadshow. We had Culture Week last week. This is when you have a brand new form class and go to different teachers to learn about a culture. Next, we will have cross country and the speech competition on Friday and Bandquest the following Friday. Ponsonby is full of events, opportunities and new experiences, it's really easy to get involved.

Eco Warriors

The Eco Warriors put on an amazing Cupcake Day for the SPCA raising \$478.00. Besides selling delicious cupcakes, there were stalls to decorate your own cupcake, a "Guess the Teacher's Pet" competition and a "Pin the Tail on the Cat" competition.

Last term the members participated in a New Zealand Garden Bird Survey where they watched out for different varieties of birds for an hour and sent the results in for a nationwide count. They learnt a lot about how many varieties of birds there really were, just in our school grounds.

This term the Eco Warriors will be learning and teaching about rubbish and waste management, and looking at ways we can Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Repurpose and Recycle.





New Zealand
GARDEN BIRD SURVEY

GARDEN BIRD GUIDE

(Photographs not to scale)

<p>House Sparrow (male)</p>	<p>House Sparrow (female)</p>	<p>Chaffinch (male)</p>	<p>Chaffinch (female)</p>	<p>Goldfinch</p>
<p>Greenfinch (male)</p>	<p>Greenfinch (female)</p>	<p>Yellowhammer (male)</p>	<p>Yellowhammer (female)</p>	<p>Redpoll</p>
<p>Dunnock (Hedge sparrow)</p>	<p>What to look out for!</p>			<p>Silvereye</p>
<p>Grey Warbler</p>				<p>Welcome swallow</p>
<p>Fantail</p>				<p>Bellbird</p>
<p>Starling</p>				<p>Song Thrush</p>
<p>Rock Pigeon</p>	<p>Myna</p>	<p>Blackbird (female)</p>	<p>Blackbird (male)</p>	<p>Red Billed Gull</p>
<p>Keruru (Wood pigeon)</p>	<p>Magpie</p>	<p>Black-Backed Gull</p>		

Images by Andrew Walmsley, Tom Marshall, Brian Massa and A.Howe

Tech Experts

The Year 8 Tech Experts are looking forward to the upcoming Cross Country event this week. They will get a chance to fly the school drone to record footage of the runners for the next PPTV episode. A small group of Tech Experts, led by Jonathon Yu Room 23, are running a 'Hackathon' event at Ponsonby Intermediate in the next few weeks. Students are encouraged to enter by designing a digital creation, either by coding (Scratch, Python etc), photoshop, web design etc. There will be prizes for the successful creations. More information will be in the upcoming Daily Notices.

Cultural Leaders

The Cultural Leaders have been working hard on the upcoming PPTV highlighting the events from Cultural Week and Roadshow. They have also been working on promoting different cultures and languages in Assembly where they have been teaching the school about their personal cultures. Next events they are working on are the Maori Language Week and the Chinese Language Week. If you think you would be able to help promote these weeks please contact Cherie Bolesworth (cherieb@ponsint.school.nz). Alongside these weeks the Cultural Leaders are working on designing some artwork to display around the school.

Positively Ponsonby Reps

Positively Ponsonby for the next two terms will focus on inclusivity, kindness and positive self talk. The students came up with our focus for Term 3 and 4 based on what they see as being important to them in their classes.

The PP reps have been trained for the second half of the year. We have two in every class. These students run mini lessons with the support of their teacher to develop emotional and social skills. Students at any time can nominate someone for a PP award; they write a detailed letter and this is read out in assembly.

Librarians

Ponsonby Intermediate has 22 active librarians. Each librarian has duty in the Library once a week. They are responsible for issuing, renewing and returning books. They also have the task of filing the books away. Their position within the school is highly important, they are needed to keep the Library running like clockwork.

Music Crew

The Music crew is currently in charge of organising Music assemblies and ensuring that the content is relevant and engaging for all students. They will also be tasked with leading Dance Socials and helping out with PPTV soundtracks.

Sports Leaders

We have a new group that started this year called Sports Leaders. They are responsible for our schoolwide sports including equipment, recreation, kori and other big sporting events

such as swimming sports and Cross Country. They also organise PE gear during lunchtime for the whole school so that Ponsonby students can stay active during their break times.

Cross Country (Repeat Notice)

Date: Friday 17th August Week 4
(Wednesday 22nd save day)

Start: Assemble at 1.25pm on the basketball court in house groups.

Event Times:	Year 7 Girls	-	1.30pm
	Year 7 Boys	-	1.45pm
	Year 8 Girls	-	2.00pm
	Year 8 Boys	-	2.15pm

Distance: All races are 3000m (approx)

Parents/caregivers are more than welcome to come along and show their support. There is a designated area for all spectators which is situated along the road wall on Clarence Street. This provides a great view of the runners when they start and finish the race.

All runners must wear covered shoes and run in their sports uniform.

If your child is unable to run the Cross Country due to injury, please let the form teacher know. We also ask that students who are asthmatic, must run with their inhalers.

Cross Country Map is at the end of this newsletter – Keep up the training!

Mr. Bennie

Sports Update

CZ Girls' Netball Tournament

The CZ Girls' Netball Tournament was held at Auckland Netball Centre on Friday 10 August. Ponsonby Year 7/1 and Year 8/1 teams played competitively and fairly, with players demonstrating great defence and attack skills throughout the court and accurate shooting. Round 1 Pool games, Year 7/1 - 1st, Year 8/1 - 2nd. Round 2 games were exciting, often only 1 or 2 goals being the difference between teams winning. Thanks to coach Karlie Lindsay, Manager Penny Strang (Year 7), coach Sheree Taylor (Year 8) and our committed parents

who supported teams courtside and with transport. Great commitment from umpires Amy White and Ms Murray.



Year 7 Girls Placed 7th Overall (pictured above): Gabrielle White, Renee Cunningham, Paris Horan, Sienna Lindsay-Bishop, Amelie Kelly, Tiaho O'Donoghue, Chloe White, Kate Anderson.

Year 8 Girls Placed 6th Overall: Chance Singer, Christina Maea-Brown, Maia Bennett, Emma Anderson, Zania Neenee-Ikitomai, Maia Hunter, Grace Russell, Ella Graves, Ava Walker

CZ Boys' Netball Tournament

Ponsonby Year 7 and Year 8 Boys' Netball teams participated in the CZ Tournament on Friday 3 August at Auckland Netball Centre. Both year groups competed in the round robin format playing 7 games throughout the day. The boys played well, intercepting and showing great efforts in defence and shooting. Thanks to coaches Angela Robinson (Year 7), Ms Murray (Year 8) and our wonderful parents for their positive sideline support and with transport. Special mention to the team umpires Christina Maea-Brown and Maia Bennett.

Year 7 Boys placed 6th: Jackson Clatworthy, Jacob Scott, Cole Middleton, Thomas Jordan, Joel Blijlevens, Thomas Cotton, Ryder Robinson, Fynn Mangan, Joshua Kau, Cohen-Jones Taylor.

Year 8 Boys placed 5th (pictured):

Barney Salmon, Louis Parker, Jack Murtagh, Tommy Taylor, Charlie Aubrey, Tom Buckley, Fergus Salmond, Ollie Burton, Red Lithgow, Theo Gorman.



CZ Girls' Basketball Tournament

The CZ Y7/8 Girls' Basketball Tournament was held at the North Shore Event Centre on Tuesday 7 August. Ponsonby girls played strongly as a team, running end to end, showing some excellent defensive play and shooting skills. Winning 6 out of 7 Pool games, the team finished 1st Round 1. The girls were a determined tight five in Round 2 placing 3rd overall in the tournament. Top points scorer Maia Bennett. Special thanks to our team supporters - Coach Ms Murray, scorer Cheyenne Neenee and referee Louis Parker.

Year 7/8 Girls team - Christina Maea-Brown, Maia Bennett, Zania Neenee-Ikitomai, Maha Shahab, Amelie Kelly, Renee Cunningham, Harriet Miles, Mila Guttenbeil, Ania Adams, Tabitha Sutherland.

Please Note: The Boys' Basketball zone day blurbs will be in the next newsletter.

Library

Our Library is looking great, there has been a huge cull and we will be getting some 'new' books to replace them. If you have any book titles and/or authors that you would like to recommend for our Library, please let me know. Email me on margaretm@ponsint.school.nz

NMSSA (National Study of Student Achievement)

Purpose: The purpose of national monitoring is to assess and understand student achievement across the curriculum at the primary level in New Zealand and to monitor changes in achievement over time. The curriculum areas being assessed in 2018 are Mathematics & Statistics and Social Studies.

What will the students be asked to do?

Up to 25 students in Year 8 will be randomly selected to participate in the study.

Students will work with the teacher assessor on a mathematics paper-and-pencil assessment.

Some of these students will also complete computer-based and team activities, questionnaires and a one-to-one interview.

Students have the right to decline to answer any questions and/or may withdraw at any stage.

The sessions are spread out over the 2½ days. The maximum time any one child would be involved is 4 hours. Some of the children will only be involved for 1 hour.

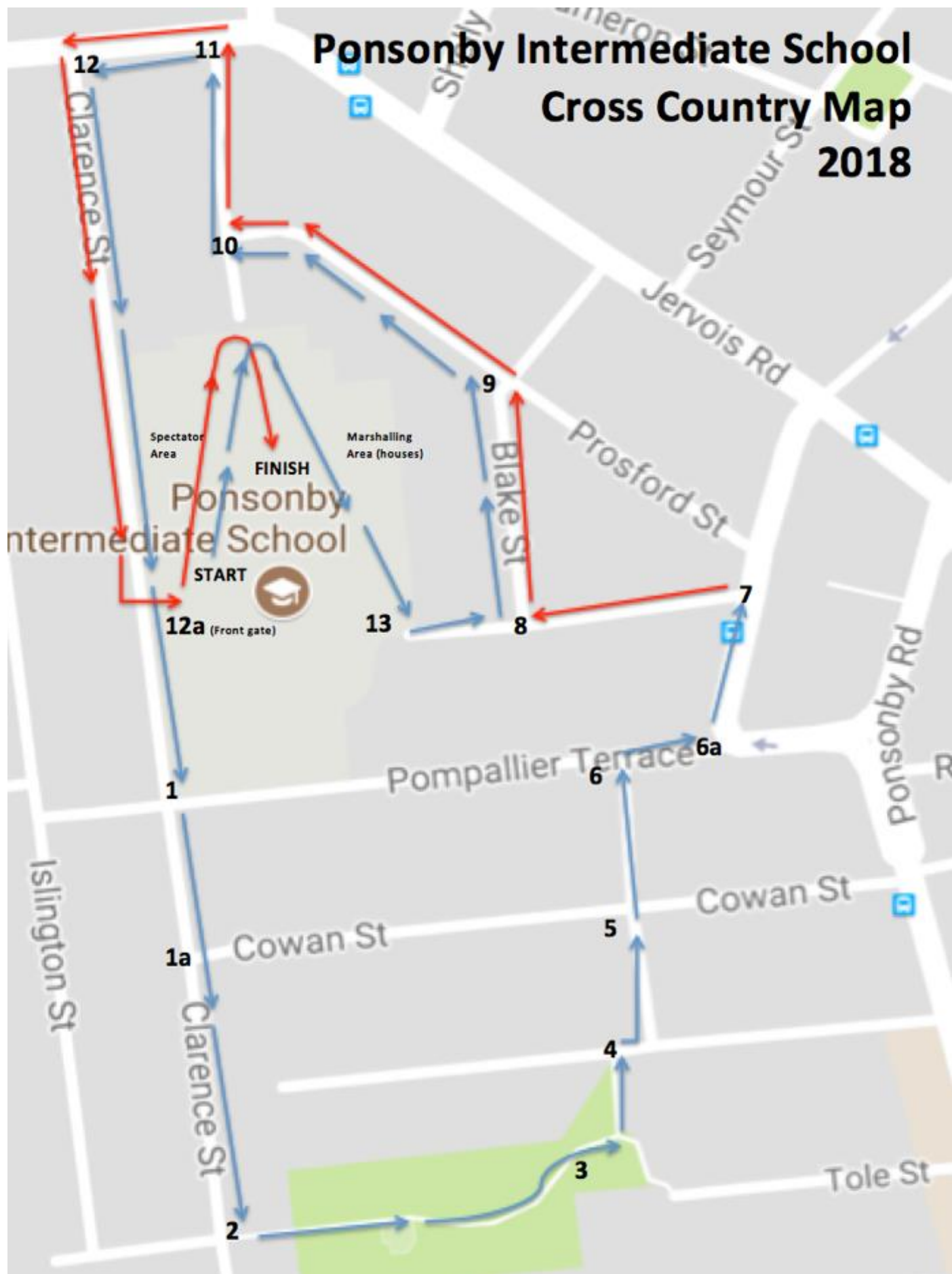
If your child has been selected and / or you would like to know more the NMSSA teacher will be available in the library from 3.15-3.45 next Monday afternoon.

Online Payments

Please use the link below to pay a bill or account online:

<http://www.ponsonbyintermediate.school.nz/pay-online.html>

Ponsonby Intermediate School Cross Country Map 2018



VIETNAM CULTURAL EXPERIENCE BRING YOU

WINTER WARMERS

**BRRRR
GET YOURSELF A
HOT DRINK**

LEMON HONEY
HOT CHOCOLATE



\$3



**PURCHASE
FROM ROOM 16**

8:00AM - 8:20AM

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

Maths or Science Tutor

An ex-Ponsonby Intermediate student is available to tutor in these two subjects. Joe is in extended maths and science in Year 11 at Kristin School. He has experience coaching trampolining so has worked in a "teaching" role before. He will tutor primary, intermediate and secondary age students up to Year 10 and could also help anyone struggling with Year 11 math or science.

Please contact Danielle Beh on dannybeh@xtra.co.nz or 021 271 8663

Birkenhead College Open Evening

Enrolling for 2019. Open evening Wednesday 15 August.

Enrolment 20-23 August 3:30-6:30pm. No appointment necessary. Phone 09 483 9039 x 832 or email:office@birkenhed.school.nz

Ponsonby Learning Pathway

Our Vision

Articulate,
energised achievers;
ready for the future

New Zealand
Curriculum

Ponsonby
Community

At Ponsonby Intermediate we value:

Growth Through Learning

We are open to change, treating each challenge as an opportunity to learn. As life long learners we strive to be the best we can be.

Expressing Ourselves

We explore and share our thoughts, talents, feelings and beliefs because these make us who we are. We get the most out of life when we are true to ourselves.

Making Connections:

As a member of a class, a school and a community, we are part of a whole. We come together from many different cultures to learn from each other.

Showing Respect for other People

Because we have confidence in who we are, we are able to appreciate and let others be themselves. We care for, and support each other, inside and outside the classroom.

Personalising Our Path

Habits of Mind • Quality Learning Circle • Te Reo • Gifted and Talented • SMART Target
Learning Journals • Positively Ponsonby • Inquiry Model • Specialist Teaching
Ponsonby Passports • Student Council • Art/Culture Weeks • Direct Vocab
Information Landscape • R.E.E.P. • E.O.T.C. • ESOL • S.S.R. • Options • Camps
B-Cool • Reporting to Parents • Professional Development • Appraisal
Tools for Learning • Planning • Overviews • Curriculum Reviews • Mentoring
Keys to Success • Critical Thinking • Kori • Habits of Mind • SMART Targets

Key Competencies

Mathematics

- Thinking
- Using language symbols and text
- Managing Self

Humanities

- Thinking
- Relating to others
- Managing Self

English

- Thinking
- Using language symbols and text
- Managing Self

The Arts

- Thinking
- Managing Self
- Relating to Others

Technology

- Thinking
- Relating to Others
- Managing Self
- Participating and Contributing